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Missoula--Although Stan the Ram Renning has picked up the majority of Montana football press clippings this season, two other Grizzly performers are in the running for postseason All-Skyline honors.

One is rangy end John Lands, who is easily the most versatile lineman in the league. Lands currently leads the Skyline in pass receptions, with 17 catches good for 292 yards. He also currently ranks 10th in the nation in punting, with a 41.0 average on 23 kicks. And, to round out his gridiron record, Lands is a rusher in the MSU multiple offense system. He has picked up 101 yards on seven carries for a 14.3 rushing average.

"Lands excells in all phases of football," was coach Ray Jenkins' description of the 6-4, 198 pound junior from Baton Rouge, La.

Another Grizzly lineman who has shown well this season is sophomore center Jim Johnson, who has developed into one of the best corner linebackers in the Skyline.

Johnson took over in midseason for injured senior Mick O'Brien, and the Missoula gridder has shown consistent improvement since then, particularly on defense.

Johnson's best effort to date was against the Idaho Vandals, when he accounted for Montana's only touchdown by rocking Vandal QB Gary Farnsworth with a jarring tackle. Farnsworth fumbled in the end zone and Johnson recovered.

Johnson also blocked a field goal attempt by Denver a month ago, and chased the ball 34 yards for the recovery.

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